



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

Curriculum & Instruction Meeting

Minutes

January 11, 2016

9 AM Central Office

Attending: Anita Anderson, Melinda McKenna, Wesley O'Brien (recording)

Guests: Chris McLaughlin, Diana Blythe, Lisette Campos

New Course Proposals:

Course title: Animation in Art. Diana Blythe joined to discuss, and the course was approved unanimously. Suggestions included the possibility of offering an Animation in Art II sometime in the future.

Course title: UCONN Early College experience Courses in French, Italian & Spanish. Lisette Campos (World Language Coordinator 6-12) joined to us discuss the course, which was approved unanimously. Suggestions included the possibility of reaching out to World Language departments and in the CSU system to determine if there is interest in offering such courses through other universities.

An additional new course was shared by Mrs. McKenna. Men's Chorale L3 (Men of Note)- this course was unanimously approved.

Driver Education Program at NHHS:

Diane Stanley met with Dr. Cronin and Melinda McKenna regarding the program, which would be run through Park and Rec. Although C & I is in favor to the program, we felt it was up to them to offer ultimate approval (or disapproval).

Melinda McKenna shared the following with the committee:

On March 2 all Grade 11 CT students will participate in CT SAT Testing Day, the new state accountability test replacing SBAC.

Work is currently underway on new middle school electives for next year to utilize newly available spaces. Areas of focus include technology, family and consumer science and expanded choice for students in music, art and PE. Further discussion will take place during budget meetings and with middle school representatives at future C&I meetings.

Preliminary discussions are underway regarding the positioning of introductory world language options designed to familiarize students with available possibilities for language study.

New Club Proposals:

Club title: Slam Poetry Club. C&I reviewed this proposal in its last meeting, and requested further information pending approval. Chris McLaughlin joined the group to educate us about the nature of the club. It was unanimously approved.

Club title: After School Guitar Club. After a brief discussion the club was approved unanimously. However, the committee seeks clarification regarding the number of students who would be allowed to join (the current proposal caps membership at 8), how they would be selected, and whether or not the number could be raised if more than 8 expressed interest.

Both clubs elicited discussion regarding the need to involve students who do not gravitate to "traditional" or "conventional" clubs or activities.

The next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning meeting will be Monday February 1, 2016 at 9 a.m.